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1. In spite of all the chicanery on the part of the Polish authorities in Gdynia, there still exists a small group of fishermen who fish in the Baltic Sea on their own.
2. These fishermen do not make use of the Fishing Office (Urząd Rybacki) communiqués but sail to fishing grounds known to them before the war, near the Lithuanian and Latvian shores.
3. While fishing there, they must be careful not to approach closer than 15 miles to the coast. Otherwise, they are shelled by coastal artillery without warning.
4. There have been cases when, on account of weather conditions, the fishermen had to take shelter in Latvian or Lithuanian ports. Every time such an incident occurred, the crew was interned and detained from six to ten weeks.
5. The Fishing Office lately issued a regulation that fishermen are not allowed to proceed to the above-mentioned fishing grounds in single boats but in groups only, so that in the event of a fishing-boat's engine going out of order, the other boats can tow her to Poland instead of having to call for help in foreign ports.
6. In addition, fishermen departing to these fishing waters are obliged to give a detailed description of the area where they intend to fish, and the time of their stay there to the members of the Military Border Guard (WOP) who clear the departure of the boats.

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